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GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

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Peregrinations

New Gull Editors: Few people have had a longer association with *The Gull* than Clarence Smith. His first article, which was an analysis of the skulls found in pellets he collected at a barn owl roost in South San Francisco, appeared way back in the October 1931 issue! Fortunately for all of us, Clarence is back with *The Gull* again, not as author, but as one of our new co-editors. A student of the famed orinthologist Grinnell, Clarence received his bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley.

Our other co-editor may be new to the Bay Area and to GGAS, but she is certainly no stranger to editorial work. Sharon Sauve' is a native of Salt Lake City. An honors graduate of the U. of Utah, she has an M.A. degree in Creative Writing from the U. of Washington. Her professional background includes service as an editor, writer, and as Supervisor of publications and information for a Washington State school district. Husband Michael is a Resident at Children's Hospital in Oakland. Sharon is currently doing freelance writing and editing in the Bay Area. GGAS is indeed privileged to have both Sharon and Clarence servng as co-editors of *The Gull.*

Non-Game Decals: Conservationists are being urged to purchase the non-game decals recently introduced by the State Dept. of Finsh and Game. Some hunters and fishermen, well aware that a significant portion

of the state's wildlife funds is raised through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and tags, have been complaining that California should use its revenues only for the promotion of game birds, animals, and fish rather than share those revenues with non-game wildlife programs. Your purchase of these new decals is an indication to state officials that we believe California should continue and expand its research and protection of non-game species, which includes, of course, the entire state wildlife refuge system. These "non-game" decals are available at $5 each from the State Department of Fish & Game, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814. When you order, be sure to tell them that you're an Audubon member!

A Personal Request: A letter has been passed on to me from Dorothy Chopp, who describes herself as a 78-year-old "bird lover". She asks that "all bird lovers please write or visit" her at 631-25th Avenue, S. F. 94121. If any of you could drop her a line or stop by to chat, I'm sure your courtesy would be well rewarded.

—BUD HENNING, *President*

NEW FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Under the long-term energetic guidance of Pat Triggs, our field trips program has become almost embarassingly successful. "Too many people" is a common complaint, even when there are trips nearly every weekend of the year. Organizing these jaunts has been a formidable task; it is a tribute to Pat that, now that she is retiring as Field Trips Chairman, her place is being taken by a committee. Its first order of business will be to increase the number of trips in hopes of accommodating more birders without group sizes becoming unwieldly. To the same end, many trips will be organized around specific interests and with particular emphases—long trips, short trips, trips for beginners and some for experienced birders, long hikes, leisurely strolls, bus trips, boat trips, and you-name-it. We'll continue to have all the "old favorites" but we also want suggestions for new trips—new places, new kinds of trips, new leaders. If you have ideas and comments, please tell us.

Members of the committee, who will serve for one year effective September 1, are Peter Allen (781-0148), Harriet Fraser (661-4787), Gene Hull (525-6893), Joe Morlan (654-1358), Nick Story (527-0210), Pat Triggs (664-8502), Peter White (339-9234), and Marie Mans, Coordinator (284-7681; 3713 Mt. Diablo Blvd. #33, Lafayette, Calif. 94549).

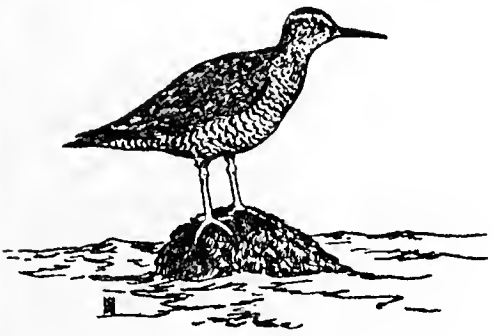
Office Notes

Information about "I'd Rather Be Birding" bumper stickers, made by a member of GGAS, is available through Vera Paraschak at our office.

Vera also asks that anyone who has back issues of "Audubon Magazine" they don't want should drop them off at the office. The chapter receives reimbursement for each magazine returned, and the cash can always be used. Any environmental magazines are also welcome for the reference library.

Bay Area Birds

FIELD TRIPS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER



Sunday, August 3

Pescadero Marsh, Pigeon Point, and Año Nuevo Point. Meet at the intersection of Hwy. 1 and Pescadero Rd. at 9:00 a.m.; bring lunch. Leader: Ted Chandik (493-5330).

Wednesday, August 13

Mini-walk for seniors in the Presidio of San Francisco. Meet at Funston and Lake Sts. at 9:30 a.m.; lunch optional. Leader: Eleanor Peterson (647-2517).

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 15, 16, & 17

Bus trip to Mt. Pinos to see California Condors. For details, see the June *Gull*. Organizer: Pat Triggs (664-8502). Leader Peter Allen (781-0148).

Saturday, September 6

A leisurely walk in Golden Gate Park. Special attraction is hummingbirds feeding on fall flowers. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to the fuchsia gardens, at Stanyan and Hayes Sts. Lunch optional. Leader: Roberta Long (564-7767).

Sunday, September 7

A trip to the Sacramento Valley for the adventurous (we may encounter 100° temperatures) to check out shorebirds and other migrants in the Woodland-Davis area. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the intersection of University Ave. and Oxford St. in Berkeley, to pool cars and receive detailed information on the day's itinerary. Leader: Rick Johnson (339-1747).

Other trips planned for September: Sep. 6, boat trip from Monterey (see below); Sep. 13, Tilden Park; Sep. 14 and 17, Coyote Hills; Sep. 20, Bodega Bay and Salmon Creek, for beginners; Sep. 21, San Mateo Co. coast, for experienced birders. Details of these trips will appear in the September *Gull*.

PELAGIC TRIPS

On September 6, October 5, and October 11, there will be boat trips to observe migrating seabirds and mammals. The boats are scheduled to leave Monterey at 8:00 a.m. and return in the afternoon. Fare will be $11.00 per person. Please send check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2718 Telegraph Ave., #206

Berkeley, Calif. 94705. Details on where to meet will be sent with the acknowledgement. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, and will close when the boats are filled.

MAY AND JUNE OBSERVATIONS

The rare **Little Blue Heron** appeared in two places: adults were seen at Palo Alto May 3 (BY) and Bolinas Lagoon May 26 (GP, PS) and June 1 (NS). Nine **Black Scoters** were counted from the fish docks at Point Reyes on June 1 (TL *et al.*); they will probably summer locally. Three **Mountain Quail** were reported at Castle Rock State Park, Santa Cruz Co., June 17 (RM, JM), an area outside their known range. **Black Rails** were heard calling at Olema Marsh May 17 (BSt) and Benicia State Park May 22 (DR, JR), indicating the resident breeding status of this species. Three **Wandering Tattlers,** uncommon inside the Bay, were at Alameda May8 (JL, SL). Two very late **Glaucous Gulls** were observed: one at Bolinas Lagoon May 2 (RS, LCB, *et al.*) and one photographed at Pigeon Point May 22 (BS). Two nests of **Least Terns** were found on Bay Farm Island June 27 (DD); this is encouraging since the bird is on the endangered species list. Three **Horned Puffins** were seen between San Francisco and the Farallon Islands in mid-June (DDeS) and although they are very rare in our area the sighting is not unexpected, for *several hundred* were in Southern California waters this spring. An adult **Roadrunner** with two young was seen along Mines Road June 24 (ER, RH, MH); it is a scarce resident in our area. A male **Costa's Hummingbird** had returned to its display perch in Del Puerto Canyon, Stanislaus Co., May 26 (BJ, LJ); it is at the northern limits of the species' breeding range.

The spring migration, as usual, brought a number of eastern vagrants to the outer coast and an exceptionally good variety to Southeast Farallon Island (which is better covered and is detailed in a separate paragraph.) An **Eastern Kingbird** was near Drakes Beach June 15 (AY). What was probably an immature **Red-eyed Vireo** was well-seen near Moraga on June 8 (CHT). A **Black-and-white Warbler** was at Drakes Beach May 13 (EM, BY) and another was there May 17 (*fide* LCB), a **Magnolia Warbler** was at the fish docks May 22 (DRu), and a **Blackburnian Warbler** was at the abandoned ranch on Point Reyes May 5 (RS); all are rare but present every spring recently. A **Chestnut-sided Warbler** was stunned against a window in Inverness June 16 (DM, JCu), and an injured **Ovenbird** was picked up in San Francisco June 25 (*fide* Mal Raff.) A female **Canada Warbler,** very casual in the spring, was seen at the abandoned ranch June 14 (BY) and an **American Redstart,** quite regular, was at the fish docks the same day (BY). Two **Yellow-headed Blackbirds,** stragglers away from the Central Valley, were at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont May 18 (BH). A male **Summer Tanager** was observed at Henry Coe State Park May 15 (DRi), an unusual inland area for this rare vagrant. A virtual invasion of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** occurred, a phenomenon observed

earlier to the east, as far away as Colorado. Males were seen at Point Reyes National Seashore headquarters May 25 (PSi), at the fish docks June 5 (VH, WMP, AM), on Mt Sutro, San Francisco, June 7 (GB), near Bolinas June 22 (DG, WL), and at Mill Valley June 28 (PF). A male **Indigo Bunting** was singing in Mal Paso Canyon, Monterey Co., the last two weeks in May(VY). A **Harris' Sparrow** was seen in the Berkeley Hills until May 18 (JC), which is quite late.

The Farallon Islands, with their daily censusing, produced a wide range of interesting records June 1-14 (all should be credited to Point Reyes Bird Observatory). The best finds, should these difficult-to-identify species be confirmed, were four **Alder Flycatchers** and an **Eastern Wood Pewee.** Both would be first state records. Other impressive birds were **Least Flycatchers** (about 15 state records), **Gray-checked Thrush** (4th state record), **Philadelphia Vireo** (10th state record, 1st for the spring), **Kentucky Warbler** (6th state record), and **Cassin's Sparrow** (4th state record.) Among the rarer of the vagrants were five **Chimney Swifts,** one **Eastern Phoebe** (very casual in spring), six **Cape May Warblers,** five **Black-throated Green Warblers,** two **Blackburnian Warblers,** two **Chestnut-sided Warblers,** eight **Bay-breasted Warblers,** three **Blackpoll Warblers,** two **Palm Warblers,** one **Hooded Warbler,** two **Canada Warblers,** two **Tree Sparrows,** and three **Clay-colored Sparrows.** The more regular spring vagrants included one **Eastern Kingbird,** seven **Red-eyed Vireos,** at least five **Black-and-white Warblers,** at least eight **Tennessee Warblers,** one **Northern Parula,** 18 **Magnolia Warblers,** at least seven **Ovenbirds,** at least five **American Redstarts,** one **Bobolink,** one **Northern (Baltimore) Oriole,** at least eight **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks,** and at least three **Indigo Buntings.** The Island also had its first **Common Gallinule,** a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo,** and three **Black Swifts.**

Finally, another species was added to the California list over Memorial Day weekend in Death Valley. A **Common Grackle** was present at Furnace Creek Ranch May 22-26 (DE *et al.*) and was seen by scores of birders, including many GGAS members. Some of them were also treated to one of the two **Yellow-throated Warblers** found during the same general period.

Observers: Graeme Bell, Laurence C. Binford, Jim Clayton (JC), Julia Cunningham (JCu), Dave DeSante, Donna Dittmann, Dick Erickson, Paul Feldsher, Doug Gomke, Margaret Hilton, Ralph Hilton, Vi Homem, Bill Hurd, Bob Johnsen, Lenore Johnsen, Will Lawrence, Tom Love, John Luther, Susanne Luther, Eugene Makishima, Dorothy Meloney, Alice Mericourt, Randy Morgan, Jim Morris, Gary Page, William M. Pursell, David Rintoul (DRi), Don Roberson (DR), Jolee Roberson, Elsie Roemer, Dave Rudholm (DRu), Barry Sauppe (BS), Paul Schommer (PS), Peg Simpson (PSi), Rich Stallcup, Bob Stewart (BSt), Nick Story, Charles H. Townes, Vern Yadon, A. Yamane, Bob Yutzy.

—DON ROBERSON, *Observations Editor*
1728 Berkeley Way #5, Berkeley, Calif. 94703 (841-1763)

HAPPENINGS

UC-Berkeley Extension: *Natural History of Mendocino* is a weeklong study of the ecology and evolution of plant and animal life of the Mendocino area with illustrated lectures and guided field trips to study marine algae and invertebrates, coastal conifers and flowering plants, fungi and ferns, and coastal fauna. Emphasis is on insects and birds; the study includes a canoe trip from Mendocino Woodlands to the mouth of Big River at Mendocino. John D. Olmsted is the instructor. Dates are August 4-8, 10 a.m. Mon. to 3 p.m. Friday. Fee: $65. Information, 642-1061 (Berkeley)

Land and Life: Sierra Environmental Geology offers participants a chance to explore a remote area of spectacular beauty, diverse geology, and rich biology on the northern edge of Yosemite. Base camp at Maxwell Lake is reached by horseback and hiking. The ability to hike seven miles in one day at elevation 8,500 feet is required. Food is provided, meals prepared cooperatively. Instructors are Doris Sloan and John D. Olmsted. Orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 7-10 p.m., 136 Barrows Hall, Berkeley campus, and the Kennedy Meadows trip is from 7 a.m. Sunday to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 24-30. Fee: $175. Information, 642-1061 (Berkeley).

Saturday, August 16 - Three whale films will be shown at the Oakland Rotary Science Center at Lake Merritt at 7 p.m. Films include "The California Gray Whale", "In Search of the Bowhead", and "After the Whale".

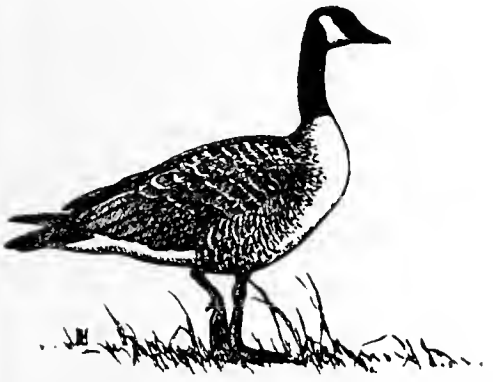
Advanced Birding with Van Remsen—GGAS will offer its first course in Advanced Birding this fall. Taught by Van Remsen, an expert in field identification, it will run from the last week in September to the first week in December, covering fall migration season. The course is for those who know most of the common Bay Area birds by sight and desire to improve their skill at more difficult identifications. Participants should have at least a year of birding experience, and a good pair of binoculars.

There will be a 1 - 1 1/2 hour lecture each Thursday evening for 10 weeks, and an all-day Saturday or Sunday field trip for 9 weeks. Lectures will discuss field problems, using slides, skins, and reference books; field trips will emphasize practical experience and will include Monterey, San Mateo Co., Pt. Reyes, and Bodega Bay. Cost is $90; limit will be about 15 participants. For further information or application write to: Van Remsen, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley 94720.

Plant Identification and Plant Printing with Ida Geary, author of "The Leaf Book", will be given on six consecutive Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning August 14. Classes will be held at the Fort Point Promenade Classroom, Building 672 on the GGNRA Promenade between the Coast

Guard Station and Crissy Field (Muni bus #28). The course is co-sponsored by GGAS and San Francisco Community College and is tuition-free. Walks are scheduled for the mornings, botanical techniques including plant prints and pressing, and marine algae floating, in the afternoon. Participants bring a bag lunch and hand lens. Registration is August 14 at the first class meeting.

Conservation



CONSERVATION IS BORING! Do you feel this way? Would you rather not be bothered with the many conservation causes and concerns? (Just tell me where this week's rare birds are and don't hassle me about issues which don't concern me.)

Man has at last achieved the ability to conquer nature and in the process can destroy the world. Whatever our interests are: listing birds, photographing wildflowers, appreciating the oneness and interdependence of all species, we can no longer stand apart as uncommitted observers. It is now imperative that we all become caretakers of the earth. Each lost species diminishes us all. Romaine Gary has said, "We are the only species in nature working toward its own destruction. Whatever man is doing against wildlife and its chances of survival, he does against himself and his own future."

Porpoise Slaughter Permitted: In 1971 the United States discontinued whaling and prohibited the importation of all whale products. Conservationists deplore the Japanese and Russian whaling practices and urge a boycott of their goods. These nations consider this hypocritical because our country allows the U.S. tuna industry to slaughter 250,000 porpoises a year.

Fishing for Yellow-fin tuna is done by locating schools of porpoises (dolphins) which frolic in the water above the tuna run. Huge purse seine nets are set around both. Some of the porpoises manage to jump over the net; others, including pregnant females, cannot. Large numbers become entangled in the net and drown; many die of shock. Untrapped porpoises die trying to help others escape. Additional deaths are caused by mutilation when flippers are torn off and bones are broken as the net is hauled up.

The Marine Mammals Protection Act, which prohibits the killing of marine mammals in an unhumane manner, became law in 1972. This

Act clearly implies that porpoise mortality or injury in commercial fishing operations be reduced to a level approaching zero. A two-year grace period was granted to the tuna industry. This expired last fall and at present a general class permit is granted for fishing Yellow-fin tuna. Led by the Environmental Defense Fund, several conservation organizations have brought suit against the Department of Commerce and the National Marine Fisheries Service, charging that these agencies have disregarded the Marine Mammal Act.

The tunafish that is fished on porpoises is LIGHT MEAT tuna (Yellow-fin or Skip-jack). WHITE MEAT tuna (Albacore, Bonita, Bigeye and Blue-fin) is fished by bait and line and does not involve porpoises. As the Friends of Animals ask, "Would you kill Flipper for a tunafish sandwich?"

Your views can be expressed to:

The American Tunaboat Association
1 Tuna Lane
San Diego, Ca 92101

The Hon. Rogers Morton, Secretary of Commerce
Nat'l Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C. 20230

INFORMATION REQUESTED: The wildlife biologist, whose firm is assisting the National Park Service in planning the new Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is interested in hearing from anyone who has knowledge of flight paths of raptors, resting places of migrating warblers, rare native plants or any other such special information about this area or Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Write to: Greg Zitney
S.W.R.
2200 Bridgeway Blvd.
Sausalito, Ca 94965
Phone: (415) 332-5100

YOSEMITE MASTER PLAN: Several of us from GGAS attended the Yosemite public workshop on April 1st and an impromptu meeting with two of the planning team in June. This latter gathering consisted of members of Bay Area conservation groups all greatly concerned about the future of Yosemite. Some are concerned also about the methods being used to develop a new Master Plan and the lack of straight answers to questions. The public meetings are over, but it is still possible to participate by writing to the Planning Team and asking to be put on their mailing list to receive the Workbook. This publication is to contain an outline of all of the ideas or "sets of options" proposed for the Park. Individuals receiving the Workbook will be able to vote for what they want for Yosemite. Many of us don't like what Yosemite has become; we

didn't like the Master Plan proposed by M.C.A. This is a chanee to do something about it.

Write to: Yosemite Master Plan Team
c/o Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca 94123

—SHIRLEY TAYLOR, *Conservation Editor* 845-2415

Birds Eye View of the Bay

The Conservation Committee wishes to extend an invitation to GGAS members to join us. Members in San Francisco are particularly needed in order to monitor the weekly meetings of the several agencies located there. We need a co-chairperson for the Committee from San Francisco.

The State Lands Commission has asserted its sovereignty over the end use of tidal lands deeded from the State to loeal agencies or individuals. Public Trust obligations can be invoked in the event that a proposed project in the tidal zone is contrary to the public trust. For the tidal mudflats and marshes, this seems to mean that the State has effectively "zoned" them for open space use. Effective application of the State's authority can thus protect many of the tidal wetlands.

Unfortunately, such authority may not extend to diked lands below sea level. The federal government may be negotiating a land trade between Hamilton Air Force Base and the City of Novato, and the Irvine Company of Southern California. Federal diked lands may be exchanged with Irvine for equivalent lands in Southern California. Nothing has been finalized, and we must watch this deal closely. Irvine has been a prime mover in the "development" of Orange County.

Another Southern California-stylc residential projcet has been proposed for the flanks of San Bruno Mountain. Massivc construction and intended population growth from the project would destroy the habitat of the San Franciseo Garter Snake, the foraging grounds for many raptors and other birds, and some wildflower and plant habitats. The trade, between the developers and the County of San Mateo, would transfer a large part of San Bruno Mountain's crest to the County; the lower flanks would go to the developer. "Save San Bruno Mountain" members are working to keep the present zoning which would ban the project.

On the cast side of the Bay, the Richmond Sanitary Landfill Company has applied to the Corps of Engineers for permits to legitimize existing dikes and fill areas between Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks in North Richmond. It appears that the fills will be approved, but the dikes will not. The Engineers could then cause the dikes to bc breached in several places, allowing renewed tidal action to cleansc and restore existing

disturbed marshes within the dikes. The landfill could eventually become public parklands.

The East Bay Regional Park District has proposed a board walk for the "Whitell Marsh" within Point Pinole Park; however, plans have been shelved. The desire for some interpretive structures at the marsh arises from the Park District's obligation to the National Audubon Society which donated $100,000 toward the purchase of the park in 1973. In order to assist the Park District in selecting interpretive structures, a field trip to the marsh for GGAS members has been planned to formulate suggestions onsite, rather than meeting in the offices of the Park District. Tom Williams will guide this trip. Meet in the Point Pinole parking lot at 10 a.m. on Nov. 10, 1975. Please notify Tom if you will attend.

A second field trip, on Dec. 6, is planned to the Navy's Pt. Molate Fuel Depot near the Richmond anchorage of the San Rafael Bridge. Meet at 10 a.m. Further information will appear later in the Field Trips section. Anyone wishing to join the trip should notify Tom Williams by Nov. 20.

The proposed boundaries of the Whitell acquisition area will be revised and submitted to the National Audubon by September 30. Anyone wishing to suggest the inclusion of any significant wildlife areas within San Francisco, western Contra Costa, and northwestern Alameda counties, should contact Tom Williams by September 15. The last Whitell field trip will be conducted on September 20, and will start from the parking lot of the Emeryville City Hall. More information will appear in the September *Gull*.

—TOM WILLIAMS 548-0939

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
Budget for Fiscal Year, June 1, 1975 - May 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Membership dues		$24,530
Interest earned		
Endowment		1,160
Operating funds		100
Life Membership Reserve		120
Wildlife films		250
Total Receipts (4)		$26,160

EXPENDITURES

General meetings		$ 300
Board meetings		75
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Printing	$10,265	
Mailing	1,050	
Return Postage	85	
Subscriptions (income)	(400)	
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Christmas bird count		325
Wages - Office Manager		
Wages	7,555	
Unemployment insurance	270	
Social Security	440	
	$ 8,265	8,265
Telephone-office		250
Rent-office		1,945
Office supplies		275
Office equipment		100
Repair and maintenance		100
Postage-general		550
Printing-general		350
Reimbursed Board and Committee Expenses		200
Auditing		500
Insurance		300
Gifts and donations		500
Bird Alert		300
Atkinson Scholarship to Audubon Camp of the West		300
Hotline		100
Books for office library		125
Delegate's attendance at NAS Regional Meeting		100
Contingency for losses on field trips		200
Total Expenditures		$26,160

STATUS (STANDING RULES) 1975-1976

A. Nominations, Elections, Board Appointments, Amendments of the Constitution and Bylaws, and Related Matters

1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Thursday in June.
2. Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be published in *The Gull.* In accordance with the Bylaws (Article VI, Section 2 under "Nominating Committee") the Nominating Committee in the December issue of *The Gull* shall advise the general membership of the right to make nominations by petition. The Nominating Committee shall then submit to the Editor of *The Gull* on or before February 1st the names of all candidates for Officers and Directors, including both those individuals nominated by the committee and those individuals nominated by the general membership through petition, to be published in the March issue of *The Gull,* together with an appropriate ballot to be returned not later than April 30th.
3. In accordance with the Bylaws (Article VI, Section 1 and Article III, Section 1(c) & 1(d) the Officers and Directors to serve in the next elective year shall meet as soon as possible after their election in May to appoint Chairpersons of Standing Committees and to select other members of the next Board.
4. As soon as the incoming Board has been constituted, the incoming President, prior to the Annual Meeting, shall present for approval by the incoming Board the Statutes (Standing Rules) to be in effect during the next elective year and shall have them published in the earliest possible issue of *The Gull.*
5. As soon as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee has been selected, and the Finance Committee has been constituted, the latter shall prepare the budget for the

coming fiscal year and shall submit this budget to the incoming Board for approval prior to the Annual Meeting. The approved budget shall be published in the earliest possible issue of *The Gull,* to which budget a commentary by the Finance Committee may be appended at the request of the Board.

6. If a vacancy should occur through the resignation, death, or incapacitation of the President, the President-Elect, or if there be no President-Elect, the First Vice President, or if there be no First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall immediately succeed to the office of President. If a vacancy should occur on the Board through the resignation, death, or incapacitation of any Officer or Director other than the President, or if a President-Elect, First Vice President, or Second Vice President should succeed to the office of President, the Nominating Committee may present to the Board the name of a nominee to fill the vacant position for the balance of the elective year only. The nominee shall be confirmed and installed in office by a two-thirds majority vote of the remaining Officers and Directors.
7. In accordance with the Bylaws (Article III, Section 2) the following individuals, both of whom have already served four or more consecutive years on the Board, shall continue as Board members for 1975-1976: Mary Louise Rosegay, First Vice President; and Claire Johnson, Director.
8. In accordance with the Bylaws (Article VI, Section 1 and Article II, Section 1(c) the following individuals shall be members of the Board for 1975-1976:
   Mr. Tom Williams, Chairman, Conservation Committee
   Dr. James Clayton, Chairman, Education Committee
   Miss Marie Mans, Chairwomen, Field Trips Committee
   Mr. Robert O'Brien, Chairman, Membership Committee
   Mr. Clarence F. Smith, Chairman, Publications Committee
9. The Board shall meet monthly during the elective year (June through May) on the first Monday of each month unless for any given month another date is approved by the Board, or unless the Board shall vote not to meet during any given month, in which case the business of the Society between Board meetings shall be conducted by the Executive Committeee as provided in the Bylaws (Article III, Section 6).
10. In preparing the minutes of Board meetings, the Recording Secretary shall clearly indicate Board members present and absent, together with any other individuals present, give a brief resume of major discussions leading to motions, record the motions themselves, and report the vote.
11. Amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws shall be by mail in *The Gull* in accordance with the timing specified in the Bylaws (Article XI).
12. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall select no fewer than two (2) additional committee members whose committee appointment shall be subject to Board approval. Although the President is an *exofficio* member of all other committees, the President shall not serve as a member of the Nominating Committee.
13. Nominations of Vice President by the Nominating Committee shall be such as to maintain the distribution of one (1) from the West Bay and one (1) from the East Bay, and of Directors to maintain the distribution of three (3) from the West Bay and three (3) from the East Bay.
14. The Society is represented on the Board of Audubon Canyon Ranch by six (6) Directors who each serve a three-year term. The President, who is also an *ex officio* Director of Audubon Canyon Ranch, shall select from the Society's membership, subject to Board approval, additional individuals as required to serve as the Society's Directors on the Board of Audubon Canyon Ranch.

B. Financial

1. The fiscal year shall be from June 1st through May 31st.
2. In accordance with the Bylaws (Article IV, Section 8) the annual report of the Treasurer shall be submitted to the Editor of *The Gull* together with a commentary and analysis prepared by the closed fiscal year's Finance Committee.
3. The Society's financial records shall be audited at the close of the fiscal year by a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

4. In accordance with the Bylaws (Article III, Section 6) the Executive Committee may in emergency situations make financial commitments up to $200 in any one month.
5. To implement the Bylaws (Article IV, Section 9) checks drawn on the Society's checking account shall be signed by the Treasurer or by the President and either of the Vice Presidents. Withdrawals from the Society's savings accounts, with the exception noted below, shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President. In the absence of one of them, the second signature shall be that of the First Vice President, and in the absence of both of them, the two required signatures shall be those of the First and Second Vice President provided that evidence is presented to the banks that the President and Treasurer are both unable to act. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer at the beginning of each elective year to see that the signature authorizations as described in the preceding are established at each bank. The exception to the above rule shall be that drafts transfring funds from the savings account to the checking account may be signed by the Treasurer alone.
6. The Treasurer shall be bonded for at least $15,000.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to deduct pertinent taxes from payroll checks and to pay obligatory taxes on all individuals employed by the Society.
8. The Treasurer shall be an *ex officio* member of the Finance Committee.
9. All motions raised at Board meetings that request expenditure of more than $2,500 not previously budgeted must be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation before the Board votes on the motion.
10. Gifts and donations shall not be made, and memberships in other organizations (which shall be limited to non-profit organizations only) shall not be entered into or renewed until after review by the Finance Committee and approval by the Board. However, in the event of an emergency arising in this area between Board meetings, the Executive Committee in accordance with the Bylaws (Article III, Section 6) may take appropriate action provided that the total financial commitments in this area not exceed $50 in any one month.
11. The publication of the Society, *The Gull,* shall carry in each issue an invitation to its readers to make gifts and donations for general or specific purposes, including Audubon Canyon Ranch. Gifts and donations specified for profit-making organizations or for the financial enhancement of members of the Society shall not be accepted. Checks for gifts should be made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. and shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary. The donors of such gifts, the purposes, and those honored or remembered by the gifts shall be published in *The Gull.* Disbursements shall be made by the Treasurer in accordance with the wishes of the Audubon Canyon Ranch monthly up to a total of all such gifts of $150 in any one donor. Gifts and donations unspecified as to use shall be automatically donated to month. All amounts in excess of $150 shall be placed in the general funds of the Society to be used to defray budgeted expenditures of any kind and such unbudgeted expenditures of any kind as the Board from time to time authorizes in the usual close of each month on the form *Report for Reimbursement of Expenses* available manner.
12. Requests for reimbursement of allowed expenses shall be made the week after the it may be added to month by month until the month that the accumulated expenses from the Society's office, except that if the amount to be reimbursed is less than $10, first reach $10, at the end of which month, or in any case by April 1st, the request for reimbursement must be submitted and not further accumulated.
13. A complete account of all receipts and expenditures for each Special Event shall be submitted to the Treasurer on the *Financial Report of Special Event* forms available from the Society's office. Special Events include the Christmas Bird Count, pelagic boat trips, chartered bus field trips, Annual Meeting and dinner, membership drive, and such other events as may be authorized by the Board during the year.
14. The Office Manager, on the form established, shall report accurately at least once a month to the Treasurer the uses of the petty cash fund which shall be maintained at $50. Cash receipts for memberships and for subscription to *The Gull* that are received at the Society's office shall be added to the petty cash fund and then reported to the Treasurer.

15. Paymnts received from those desiring to participate in the Society's boat and chartered bus field trips shall be held by the trip leader or in the Society's office until after the trip. Refunds in the form of returned checks to "no-show's" shall be made only if all expenses were otherwise covered.
16. Non-member subscriptions to *The Gull* shall be at the rate of $3 per year. The price of a single issues shall be 30¢.
17. The stock certificates for five (5) shares of Class B., Common Stock in the Odessa Trading Company received as part of the bequest from Marjorie Milner Atkinson shall be kept in the Society's safe deposit box until such time as the Treasurer shall find some means to sell the stock.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Monthly membership meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, September through June, unless another date is approved by the Board. The place of meeting shall alternate between the West Bay and the East Bay.
2. Oral or written communications representing the Society to any individual or agency shall be made only by the President unless otherwise delegated by the President or the Board.
3. The President shall be responsible for the operation of the Society's office.
4. Volunteers, solicited or unsolicited, are to submit to the Office Manager a brief statement of their experience and background and a description of the work to be done. The Office Manager is to submit this material with an accompanying recommendation to the President who shall approve or disapprove the use of the volunteer. The President shall subsequently report on all such actions to the Board.
5. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify the appropriate governmental agencies of those changes which must be reported in accordance with the law. These include changes in Officers, location of the Society's office, and the Society's Constitution.
6. Two (2) copies (or one original and one copy) of the original Charter of the Society, the amended Charter, the original Constitution and Bylaws, the revised Constitution and Bylaws, and subsequent amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and subsequent amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be kept in the Society's office, two (2) additional copies shall be kept in the Society's safe deposit box, and two (2) more copies shall be kept in the files of the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for this matter.
7. Gratis copies of the Audubon Leader shall be mailed directly to the President, the Chairperson of the Conservation Committee, the Editor of *The Gull,* the Corresponding Secretary, and the Society's office.
8. Additional copies of *The Gull* shall be used as follows:
   "mint" copies (i.e., unadressed copies ordered by the Society)
   a) one (1) for office use
   b) three (3) to be maintained for future binding of which two (2) copies shall be deposited in the office files and one (1) copy shall be deposited by the Corresponding Secretary at some place other than the Society's office.
   c) one (1) to be submitted annually by the President to the National Audubon Society as required by the latter
   d) a variable number determined each month by the Corresponding Secretary to be sent to donors and to relatives and friends as specified by the donors

   "used" copies (i.e., copies returned by the post office)
   a) three (3) to the President
   b) four (4) to the Chairperson of the Field Trips Committee
   c) four (4) to the Chairpetson of the Program Committee
   d) two (2) to the Editor of *The Gull*
   e) four (4) to Audubon Canyon Ranch
   f) five (5) to Rotary Science Center, Oakland
   g) one (1) to Tilden Regional Park Nature Center

These lists shall be reviewed annually. Unless otherwise provided, the above copies of *The Gull* shall be distributed at Board meetings by the Office Manager or, if the recipient is not present, mailed. After the above needs have been met, any extra copies of *The Gull* will b given to new members and subscribers or will be used to fill other requests.

9. Additions to the gratis list of individuals and groups to whom *The Gull* is mailed directly by the publisher at the Society's expense, with the exception of local news media, shall be requested in writing. The Finance Committee shall review such requests and recommend appropriate action for approval or disapproval by the Board. The gratis lists, with the exception of local news media shall be screened annually by the Finance Committee.
10. Applications for the Marjorie Milner Atkinson Scholarship to the Audubon Camp of the West shall be solicited in a fall issue of *The Gull.* The scholarship shall be in an amount equal to the Registration Fee less the non-refundable enrollment fee. The Education Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to the scholarship including solicitation of applications, screening of applicants, and selection of a candidate to be awarded the scholarship upon Board approval.

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